

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

09/784,227

Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to RCE filed 10/10/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance                                  |
|  | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____  |

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**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Elmer Galbi (Reg. No. 19,761) on 12/19/06.

The application has been amended as follows:

*In the Specification*

Replace paragraph 30 with the paragraph below:

Typically, this system and method will be implemented in a software package installed on the workstation. Some sort of computer readable storage medium, such as a CD-ROM or a diskette, will contain software code. The software code, when executed, will result in the process described above. The software code may also take the form of a downloadable file, or a print driver, for the example above of a printer discussed above. More generally, the computer-readable storage medium will include a document-processing client operable to perform the methods of the invention.

*In the Claims*

At claim 1, line 9, replace "setting" with "settings".

Replace claim 7 with the following:

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7. The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of operational settings includes number of copies, stapling options, and paper selection.

At claim 9, line 1, after the term "computer-readable" insert the word "storage" and replace "including" with "storing".

Replace claim 10 with the following:

10. The computer-readable storage medium of claim 9, wherein the software code is a downloadable file.

Replace claim 11 with the following:

11. The computer-readable storage medium of claim 9, wherein the software code is a generic printer driver to be installed on each workstation of a network.

At claim 12, line 4, after "devices" replace ";" with "by".

At claim 12, line 8, after ";" insert "and".

At claim 18, line 2, replace "setting" with "settings".

At claim 19, line 1, after the term "computer-readable" insert the word "storage".

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At claim 19, line 3, replace "setting" with "settings".

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record fails to or suggest, alone or in combination a method and system for network document processing comprising a generic driver that receives user selected operational settings in order to process a document, wherein a first interface is activated between the workstation and the document processing device, and a user interface is provided for the user to select the operational settings and the generic driver generates the document at a particular location as required by independent claims 1,12, and 20, in combination with the other recited claim elements.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

#### *Conclusion*

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eron J.

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Sorrell whose telephone number is 571 272-4160. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00AM - 4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Huynh can be reached on 571-272-4147. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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